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NOTIFICATION OF PROJECT APPROVAL

PROJECT: <b>AEBASIN</b>	
ACTION	AREA
NEW PROJECT	DIVISION
AMENDMENT NO.	<b>SR</b>
<b>X</b> RENEWAL <b>(FY 1960)</b>	BRANCH
TERMINATION	<b>2</b>
MEMO REQUEST	DESK
	<b>Baltic</b>

AUTHORIZATION

APPROVING AUTHORITY <b>DDP/C/PG</b>	14 MAR 1960	AMOUNT <b>C 3</b>	FISCAL YEAR <b>1960</b>
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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Renewal in the amount of **C 3** for FY 1960 approved.

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I PROJECT CRYPTONYM

**AERASIN**

	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION	SR
	AMENDMENT No.	BRANCH	2
<b>X</b>	RENEWAL FY 1960	DESK	<b>ESTONIAN</b>
	TERMINATION	CASE OFFICER	EXT. <b>8545</b>

II DIVISION CONCURRENCES

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	SIGNATURE TYPED & SIGNED	COPY No.	DATE	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED		
				YES	NO	DATE
<i>for</i> CSR/2	<i>1/5/ [ ]</i>		<i>16 Nov 59</i>			
SR/BF	<i>[ ]</i>		<i>17 Nov 59</i>			
SR/SS	<i>1/5/ [ ]</i>					
SR/COP/PP	<i>1/4/ [ ]</i>		<i>19 Jan 60</i>			
SR/COP	<i>1/5/ [ ]</i>		<i>24 Feb 60</i>			
D CSR	<i>1/5/ [ ]</i>		<i>4 Mar 60</i>			
CSR	<i>1/5/ [ ]</i>					

III CONCURRENCES - OTHER DIVISIONS AND OFFICES

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	SIGNATURE TYPED & SIGNED	COPY No.	DATE	YES	NO	DATE
CCD	<i>1/5/ [ ]</i>		<i>11 Mar 60</i>			
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IV APPROVAL

SUBJECT PROJECT ACTION IS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ *[ ]* FOR FY 1960  
FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS ACTION ARE AVAILABLE FROM WITHIN THE CURRENT ALLOCATIONS TO THE DIVISION.

Chief, DDP/PG	<i>[ ]</i>	<i>14 Mar 60</i>
APPROVING AUTHORITY	SIGNATURE	DATE

# REQUEST FOR FP PROJECT RENEWAL

- |         | <u>APPROVED</u> | <u>BY</u>           | <u>ORIGINATED</u> |
|---------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| a. 1953 | -               | Operational Program |                   |
| b. 1954 | -               | Operational Program |                   |
| c. 1955 | -               | DGI                 |                   |
| d. 1956 | -               | Operational Program |                   |
| e. 1957 | -               | GPP                 |                   |
| f. 1958 | -               | Operational Program |                   |
| g. 1959 | -               | GPP                 |                   |

a. Current objectives.

- (a) To preserve the national identity of the Estonian people thereby helping them to resist assimilation into the Soviet society.
- (b) To maintain among the Estonian people an attitude of irreconcilability toward International Communism and the Soviet regime dominating Estonia today.

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- (c) To maintain and enhance the pro-Western and pro-American orientation of the Estonian people.
  - (d) To encourage revisionist tendencies among Estonian Communists.
  - (e) To foster evolutionary changes by encouraging the Estonian people to seek continuous concessions from the Soviet regime in Estonia.
  - (f) To contribute by all possible means to the growth of intellectual ferment among the Estonian people.
- (2) Operational mechanisms.
- (a) Estonian section at Radio Madrid (Radio Nacional de Espana)
  - (b) The Voice of Estonian Freedom (a cover organization in New York which sponsors the Estonian broadcasts from Radio Madrid and other activities to include mailing literature, contacting Soviet Estonian travelers, etc.)
  - (c) A group of Estonian letter writers under AERCOF/5 utilized by Frankfurt for mailing operations.
  - (d) Access is possible to Vaba Eesti Sõna, an Estonian newspaper in New York, through AERBASIN/1 who is an editor of the newspaper.
- (3) Targets.

The target of this project is the Estonian people in Estonia; however, the Russian people are also considered to be an additional target for operations which can be directed at them through the Estonian people.

b. Changes in operational mechanism.

- (1) AERBASIN/2, who was dropped in April 1958, was rehired by the Voice of Estonian Freedom in December 1958 and continues in his position as a broadcaster at Radio Madrid.
- (2) AERBASIN/4, a scriptwriter for the Voice of Estonian Freedom, was dropped from employment. This step was taken solely for reasons of economy. No appreciable effect on the efficiency of operation of the radio broadcasts has been observed. No contact is being maintained with AERBASIN/4.

c. Intelligence production.

Intelligence obtained through Project AEBASIN has been of value to REDSKIN operations and has included the acquisition of biographic and travel information as well as of REDSKIN leads themselves.

d. Analysis of effectiveness.

(1) Significant operational events:

- (a) Radio broadcasts were continued from Radio Madrid with a 15 minute original broadcast and a 15 minute repeat per day. An OSI report indicated that reception was technically on a par with VOA broadcasts. Last year a total of 95 reports on Radio Madrid were obtained from Balts and from Spanish repatriants who had listened to these broadcasts in the Soviet Union.
- (b) Mailing operations from Frankfurt were carried on at an average of 250 letters per month.
- (c) A coordinated campaign involving radio, mail, and emigre leader assets was carried on in connection with the anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution. The campaign was conducted in October and November 1958 and was coordinated with similar Latvian and Lithuanian campaigns.
- (d) In December 1958 a special mailing campaign was inaugurated which involved an Estonian-American girl mailing special material to addresses in Estonia. From an original mailing of 20 items, correspondence was inaugurated with 16 individuals.
- (e) A letters-to-the-editor campaign was conducted in April 1959 in connection with Khrushchev's offer of a non-aggression pact. Letters from Balts were printed in 10 West German newspapers.

(2) Consonance with Related Missions Directive.

Activities under AEBASIN are in line with Objective 2 under Priority A and Objective 1 under Priority B for the Soviet Union of the Related Missions Directive for Germany.

e. Cover, control and security.

The Voice of Estonian Freedom continues to supply adequate cover

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for the Estonian broadcasts. Control has been strengthened by establishing more rigid requirements with respect to broadcast content. It is planned to eliminate a potential security problem resulting from bickering between AERASIN/2 and Randolph T. GIRTIN by removing GIRTIN.

f. Assessment of indigenous agents.

There is no individual who could be considered a principal agent for this project. The only indigenous agent is AERASIN/2. He has no direct contact with any case officer. Pay and guidance are handled through the Voice of Estonian Freedom. His effectiveness is good; his motivation appears to be adequate. Control is based on his dependence on us for his salary and on the fact that he plans eventually to immigrate permanently to the United States.

g. American project personnel.\*

(1) Headquarters

2 case officers

1 career agent

5 contract agents\*\*

(2) Field

1 case officer

\*All case officers and the career agent spend from 1/4 to 1/3 of their time on Project AERASIN.

\*\*Of the contract agents, two are without compensation, one is a part-time employee and two are full-time employees.

h. Liaison with intelligence services.

There has been no liaison with any intelligence services.

i. Interagency coordination.

No interagency coordination has been required.

j. Plans for ensuing year.

- (1) It is anticipated that there will be a great increase in travel to and from Estonia in the coming year based on the following information:

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- (a) Tallinn has been opened to foreigners for travel;
- (b) There has already been an increase this year in the number of Soviet Estonians travelling to the West, particularly to Finland and Sweden;
- (c) Construction of tourist facilities in Estonia has been reported;
- (d) A Soviet Lithuanian official announced that the University of Vilnius would soon accept non-Communist Lithuanians from abroad for study at the University and it is presumed the same conditions will apply for the University of Tartu;
- (e) A Soviet Lithuanian diplomat announced that the U. S. citizenship of Lithuanian-born Americans would soon be recognized. If this comes about, it is assumed the same consideration will hold true for Estonian-born Americans.

Because of these facts which promise an increase in REDSKIN operations, the SR/2 Baltic Section is preparing to shift its FP effort to place major emphasis on the FP aspects of REDSKIN operations.

(2) REDSKIN operations.

These operations will be handled in close cooperation with the FI personnel of the Estonian desk. Operations are planned to be mounted from both the United States and Western Europe. Emphasis will be on case officer briefing of travelers although agent assets and emigre organization contacts will be used for "piggy-back" operations and for contacting Soviet Estonian travelers to the West.

(3) Radio operations.

It is expected that there will be further improvement in the quality of the broadcasts based on the cooperation which has been achieved with AERASIN/2. Randolph T. GIRTIN will be terminated and a replacement will be recruited in Europe with an expected salary savings of one third.

(4) Emigre organization activities.

It is planned to utilize our contacts in Estonian relief organizations and religious circles for specific operations to include REDSKIN spotting, REDSKIN contact operations, mailing operations, etc.

(5) Controlled correspondence operations.

It is planned to develop controlled correspondence operations utilizing Estonian youth, students and intellectuals to achieve eventual REDSKIN operations and to get FP material into Estonia as well as to obtain biographic, postal and other information.

(6) Mailing operations.

- (a) Mass mailing operations will be continued at one-fourth the level for FY 1959 (about 250 letters per month). Headquarters will continue to furnish the texts for these letters and will attempt to obtain a more selective approach.
- (b) Special campaigns such as the letters to West German newspapers concerning Khrushchev's statement on a non-aggression pact will be conducted when feasible.
- (c) The use of Soviet Estonians to distribute Russian language propaganda material is being investigated.
- (d) An operation involving printing in the West and periodic mailing from inside Estonia of a pamphlet ostensibly coming from a liberal intellectual group or a strongly nationalistic group is under study.

(7) Special campaigns.

A coordinated campaign involving radio, mail, traveler, emigre organization, emigre press and agent assets is planned in connection with the twentieth anniversary in 1960 of the Communist takeover in Estonia.

(8) Purposes for which funds in excess of the obligated amount for FY 1959 are required:

- (a) Because of a shortage of operational funds for SR Division at the end of FY 1959, certain expenditures were delayed until FY 1960.
- (b) Mailing operations from Frankfurt are programmed for the whole of FY 1960 whereas they were conducted for only four months in FY 1959.
- (c) Increased funds are required for REDSKIN operations for purpose of travel, purchase of information, obtaining printed material for distribution to Soviet Estonians, etc.



- (d) Funds are required in support of a special campaign on the twentieth anniversary of the Communist takeover in Estonia.

k. Estimated expenses.

(1) Personnel

- (a) 3 US/CA - [ ]

AEBASIN/1

[ ]

11,600.00

- (b) 1 FH/FA - AEBASIN/2

4,200.00

- (c) Quarters for [ ]

2,100.00

(2) Supplies, material and equipment

- (a) Radio scripts and translations

- (b) Books and periodicals

- (c) Office rent and expenses

New York

Madrid

- (d) Printing of propaganda booklets, pamphlets, etc.

(3) Other operational expenses

- (a) Purchase of services and information

- (b) Area travel for field agents

- (c) Field case officer travel

- (d) Domestic travel for Headquarters case officers, contract agents and covert associates

- (e) Field mailing operations

- (f) Special campaign on the twentieth anniversary of the Soviet takeover of Estonia

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(g) Entertainment of covert associates

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- (4) ~~Propaganda~~ payments (made to Estonian organizations for specific operations to include contacting legal travelers, special radio campaigns, demonstrations, political action by emigre leaders, etc.)

[ ]

TOTAL:

[ ]

1. Field direction.

Case officer -

[ ]

5. DMTD ACTIVITIES:

None.

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<b>PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA</b>		PROJECT CRYPTONYM <b>ARBASIN</b>					
		FISCAL PERIOD COVERED <b>1 July 1959 THRU 30 JUNE 1960</b>					
MAY NOT EXCEED SECRET CLASSIFICATION							
RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION <b>SR DIVISION</b>		POINT OF CONTROL (Hdqs. or name of Field Station) <b>Headquarters</b>					
<b>A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS</b>							
INDICATE NUMBER AND TYPE OF PERSONNEL REQUIRED AND ESTIMATED TOTAL COMPENSATION FOR SALARY, ALLOWANCES, AND RELATED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. INCLUDE EVERYONE PAID FROM PROJECT. ATTACH PERSONNEL ANNEX IF NEW PROJECT T/O OR T/O ADJUSTMENTS ARE INVOLVED.							
TYPE	NUMBER		ESTIMATED COMPENSATION				
	U.S. PERSONNEL	FOREIGN NATIONAL	BASE SALARY	ALL OTHER	TOTAL		
STAFF EMPLOYEES				<b>qtrs.</b>			
STAFF AGENTS							
<del>CAREER AGENTS</del>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15,800</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>17,900</b>		
CONTRACT AGENTS							
DETAILED PERSONNEL							
MILITARY							
ALL OTHER							
<b>TOTAL A.</b>					<b>17,900</b>		
<b>B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS</b>							
INDICATE AMOUNT REQUIRED IN APPLICABLE SPACES. IN THOSE PROJECTS WHERE THERE IS AN UNUSUAL REQUIREMENT FOR AGENCY SUPPORT, OR WHERE LONG LEAD-TIME ITEMS ARE REQUIRED, APPROPRIATE ANNEXES SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR ATTACHMENT TO THE PROJECT.							
COMMO	CHEMICAL	QUARTERMASTER	OTHER SUPPLIES	SERVICES			
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
MEDICAL	ORDNANCE	SPEC. DEVICES	OTHER EQPT.	SPACE			
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
<b>TOTAL B.</b>							
<b>C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES</b>							
INDICATE VOLUME AND NATURE OF EXPENSES.							
<table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <b>Travel..... \$ [ ]</b>  <b>Rents - 2 offices ..... \$ [ ]</b>  <b>Scripts, translations ..... \$ [ ]</b>  <b>Books, periodicals..... \$ [ ]</b>  <b>Printing ..... \$ [ ]</b>  <b>Purchase of service, information.. \$ [ ]</b> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <b>Mailing operations ..... \$ [ ]</b>  <b>Special campaign ..... \$ [ ]</b>  <b>Operational entertainment .... \$ [ ]</b>  <b>Payments to emigre group for special services..... \$ [ ]</b> </td> </tr> </table>						<b>Travel..... \$ [ ]</b> <b>Rents - 2 offices ..... \$ [ ]</b> <b>Scripts, translations ..... \$ [ ]</b> <b>Books, periodicals..... \$ [ ]</b> <b>Printing ..... \$ [ ]</b> <b>Purchase of service, information.. \$ [ ]</b>	<b>Mailing operations ..... \$ [ ]</b> <b>Special campaign ..... \$ [ ]</b> <b>Operational entertainment .... \$ [ ]</b> <b>Payments to emigre group for special services..... \$ [ ]</b>
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<b>TOTAL C.</b>							
<b>D. SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS</b>							
IF FUNDS ARE TO BE TURNED OVER TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS IN LARGE LUMP SUMS TO BE EXPENDED BY THEM AT THEIR DISCRETION TO ACCOMPLISH AN AGREED-UPON OBJECTIVE, ATTACH ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN OR FISCAL ANNEX, AS APPROPRIATE. LIST GENERAL CATEGORIES OF EXPENSES TO BE COVERED BY SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS, INCLUDING ESTIMATED DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR EACH CATEGORY.							
<b>TOTAL D.</b>							
<b>TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS (A+B+C+D) \$ [ ]</b>							

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**E. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS**

STATE TYPES OF CURRENCIES NEEDED, IN UNITS PER MONTH, AND APPROXIMATE DOLLAR VALUE.

PROPOSED FUNDING PLAN (How and where the payment or advance will be made).

**F. ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS**

TO BE COMPLETED FOR DIRECT PROJECTS ONLY. ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUBSIDY, PROPRIETARY, OR OPERATIONAL INVESTMENT PROJECTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN OR FISCAL ANNEX, AS APPROPRIATE.

DESCRIBE TYPE OF ACCOUNTING TO BE OBTAINED AND ANY SPECIAL PROCEDURES OR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE SUBMISSION OR RECORDING OF THOSE ACCOUNTINGS.

THIS PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA SHEET REFLECTS THE TYPE AND DEGREE OF SUPPORT REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT.

DATE

SENIOR STAFF OR AREA DIVISION CHIEF OF SUPPORT

APPROVING AUTHORITY

DATE

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